debouch at Halle, or at some other point. It is important that the army of Silesia should not approach Leipzig nearer than two leagues.

You are to dispose your troops in two ranks instead of three. The enemy, who are used to seeing us in three ranks, will think our battalions one third larger. Issue precise orders for carrying out these instructions.

(To Joachim Napoleon, King of Naples.) I have received your letter. The Duke of Ragusa will reach Hohen-leina this morning at eight. It is very important that you should not make use of this marshal, for if you do, you would have to weaken your line at a very critical moment in the event of Bliicher's debouching through Halle. That is the sort of movement that brings about the loss of battles; they are won only by strengthening the line at the critical moment. Take good care not to use the 6th corps except as a last resource, for all the indications are that the army of Silesia is in the neighbourhood of Halle.

14th. I shall start for Leipzig at seven.

7 *A.M.:*

(To Macdonald.) I hope you will arrive early. We shall undoubtedly be attacked to-morrow by the army of Bohemia and the army of Silesia. March rapidly therefore, and if you should hear them, move towards the sound of the guns. The army of Silesia is debouching through Halle.

Reudnitz:

(To Marmont.) Headquarters are at Reudnitz. I am sending you an account of the battle fought by Gustavus Adolphus that deals with the positions you occupy.